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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on 6/15/09 after Final rejection.
2. Claims 1-19 are pending. Claim 1 is amended.
3. The after-final amendment will not be entered because it raises the new issues requiring further consideration and review. The new limitation "wherein the at least one water-softening active comprises sodium citrate and is present in an amount of at least 42% by weight of the composition" was not disclosed in the specification at the time the application was filed, therefore it is also new matter.
4. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance in view of the after-final amendment that is not been entered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haidung D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)270-5455. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 9:00am-5:00pm.

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